

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Nineteenth Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.*

### **Residents of Nineteenth Middlesex Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (462) of these admissions reside in the Nineteenth Middlesex Representative District.<sup>1</sup> **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Nineteenth Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 75% were male and 25% were female.
- 67% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 92% were white non-Latino, 2% were black non-Latino, 2% were Latino, 2% were Asian and other racial categories.
- 63% were never married, 16% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 23% had less than high school education, 53% completed high school, and 23% had more than high school education.
- 38% were employed.
- 6% were homeless.
- 26% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Nineteenth Middlesex Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	47%	36%	5%	4%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

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<sup>1</sup> To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003</b> <b>Nineteenth Middlesex Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	388	318	123	143	108	88	61
<b>FY '96</b>	439	380	136	151	105	113	80
<b>FY '97</b>	583	500	182	184	157	184	154
<b>FY '98</b>	472	373	124	147	82	171	129
<b>FY '99</b>	419	309	148	111	63	156	124
<b>FY '00</b>	442	326	143	137	60	181	136
<b>FY '01</b>	486	362	122	123	70	222	160
<b>FY '02</b>	462	337	130	111	43	166	117
<b>FY '03</b>	462	310	127	110	51	173	119